GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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Coal Bed Methane
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government extracts coal bed methane from coal mines and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether there has been any delay in auction of coal blocks resulting in wastage of Coal Bed Methane and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a): In order to exploit Coal Bed Methane (CBM) potential in the country, the Government formulated CBM policy in 1997. Under CBM policy, 33 exploration blocks were awarded, out of these, currently 14 blocks are operational, 15 blocks are under relinquishment and 4 blocks have been relinquished. Out of 14 operational blocks 5 blocks are under production/incidental production. The details of CBM production during last three years and current year is as under:
(MMSCM)
Block/Field
2014-15
2015-16
2016-17
2017-18 (till June-2017)
RANIGANJ EAST
91.331
236.499
385.471
85.464
RANIGUNJ SOUTH
132.351
152.924
169.596
49.856
SOHAGPUR WEST
1.506
1.382
6.352
8.590
JHARIA*
2.479
2.040
3.083
1.039
SOHAGPUR EAST*
0.572
0.023
0.087
0.002
Grand Total
228.239
392.869
564.589
144.952
* Incidental Production
(b): CBM in the coal remains intact in adsorbed state. No CBM wastage is stipulated as CBM blocks were undisturbed by either coal mining or any other operation leading to its escape.
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